

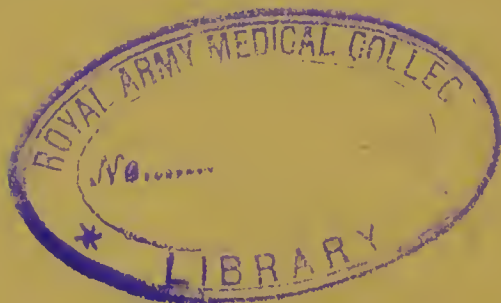
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Lay Readers in Hospitals

WITH A FEW REMARKS ON CONDUCTING THE SAME.

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PREFACE.

A FEW words will suffice to explain the origin and object of this little work. At page 30 of my pamphlet on Cottage Hospitals* the following passage occurs: 'The spiritual supervision of the hospital devolves naturally on the clergyman of the parish or his representative, and it must be left to him to make such provision for the spiritual wants of the patients as appears to him most suitable. At the risk of being thought presumptuous, however, I venture to offer one suggestion, viz., that in every hospital there should be regular morning and evening "family prayers," at which all the patients who are not confined to their beds should be expected to attend. The prayers, short and simple, should be read by the nurse or others who may be appointed by the manager. To those patients who in their own homes have been accustomed to them, it will be a welcome continuation of a time-honoured custom, the omission of which could not be otherwise than a source of regret; whilst it may be the means of arousing those who have hitherto neglected the custom, to a sense of their duty in this respect when they return to their own domiciles.'

Being desirous of ascertaining what books were the best suited for carrying out these views, I recently made inquiries at several publishers', and learnt, to my surprise, that there was

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no separate collection of Hospital Prayers; and having failed to meet with any other work which appeared to me calculated to meet the requirements of the case, I resolved to compile a short series of prayers, which, however deficient they may be in literary merit and in originality of thought or expression, may, it is hoped, under God's blessing, supply a deficiency which there is reason to believe has been felt by others as well as by myself.

Although these prayers were in the first instance intended for cottage hospitals, it is earnestly hoped that their use may be extended to other establishments of the same class, especially to the infirmaries attached to the hundreds of union workhouses scattered throughout the land, in many of which, especially in remote country districts, there is reason to fear that there exists as great an amount of spiritual destitution as there is of physical want and bodily suffering. I plead not, however, for this collection of prayers in particular, for they are confessedly poor and imperfect,—the work of a hand unpractised in compositions of this class;—but what I plead for is *the regular practice of morning and evening prayers within the wards of every hospital throughout the land*. On the blessings which, on Scriptural grounds, we may confidently expect from the adoption of this practice, it is needless for me to enter in this place.

The duty of conducting these daily prayers in a ward seems to devolve naturally on the head nurse or 'Sister,' and there are very few, it is anticipated, who will not gladly undertake it; but, when from any cause, the services of the nurse are not available, this duty must be delegated to others, as may be decided upon by the chaplain, if there be one, or other hospital authorities. No difficulty, it is imagined, will be experienced in obtaining the services of many a Christian man or woman in the neighbourhood, who would cheerfully devote half-an-hour, morning and evening, to so good and holy a cause. When the latter course is pursued, it is generally advisable for two or three or more individuals to combine their efforts, one taking the morning another the evening prayers, or taking both services

on alternate weeks, or each taking a separate ward, as best suits their convenience; so that in case of sickness, absence from home, &c., there should be no break in the regular performance of the service. One of the Psalms of the day, or a short portion of Holy Writ, should, when time permits, precede the prayers.

With regard to the appended Short Form of Public Service for Lay Readers in Hospitals, a few words of explanation are necessary. On the vast importance of a regular Weekly Public Service, conducted within the wards of a hospital, it would be superfluous for me to enter at any length; the benefits to be derived from it must be patent to every reflecting mind; the only one which I shall mention here is the opportunity it affords to patients and nurses alike, from which, otherwise, they would be debarred, of joining together at stated periods in the prayers and praises of the Church.

It is most desirable that this laudable practice should be more generally adopted in our hospitals than it hitherto has been. One of the obstacles which has apparently in some instances hindered its adoption, has been the want of a short Service adapted to meet the peculiar wants and feelings of those who naturally form the bulk of a hospital congregation, viz., the 'afflicted and distressed in mind, body, or estate.' In the appended Service an attempt has been made to meet this want by combining portions of the regular Daily Service of the Church with others from that of the Visitation of the Sick. How far this attempt has been successfully accomplished it is for others to determine; but it may be mentioned that a very similar form has for some months been in use in one hospital, the Infirmary attached to St. Giles's Workhouse; and that, as far as can be judged, it has met the requirements of the case.

In the arrangement of the Form of Service, I have had the great advantage of the advice of the Rev. John Swayne, whose lengthened experience as Chaplain amongst the poor and sick of the St. Giles's and Bloomsbury Union gives peculiar weight and value to his views.

REMARKS ON CONDUCTING A PUBLIC SERVICE IN
HOSPITALS.

For those laymen and others who contemplate engaging in the good work, the few following hints, derived from personal experience may be acceptable.

1. The Service should be short. This is self-evident, when it is remembered that to the weak and sick generally, it is difficult and even painful to remain for any length of time in an upright or constrained position; but it is even more difficult to fix the attention for any lengthened period on spiritual things; for, as is well known, the mind and body are so intimately connected, that where the latter is diseased the former is generally enfeebled, and the thoughts are apt, even more than in health, to be called off to things pertaining to the body. The whole Service should not exceed one hour at the furthest.

2. The Service should not contain too numerous responses in which the congregation are to take part. Most important as it undoubtedly is that all should take an active part in the Service, this can only be effected when the majority of the congregation are familiar with the words and routine of the forms in use. Now, in a hospital there is generally a large admixture of Roman Catholics, Nonconformists, and others, who are wholly unacquainted with the English Liturgy; and if dependence is placed upon them for the responses, failure, in many instances, will be the result. For this reason, also, it is advisable that the usual plan followed in our Church, of the minister and congregation reading the Psalms in alternate verses, be departed from, and that they should be read throughout by the officiating minister or reader alone. Much delay and confusion will thus often be obviated. At the same time, whenever practicable, those of the patients who can read should be supplied with a copy of the Services in use, so that they may follow it with the eye at least, if not with the tongue; but they are far

more likely to do so with the latter when they have the words before them.*

3. The Singing often presents a difficulty. As far as my own experience goes, it is best left in the hands of the patients, not only to constitute the choir, but to select the hymns and tunes with which they are most familiar. The selection of the hymns and the necessary practising during the week, furnish matter for thought and pleasant employment, which is of itself no slight recommendation. There is generally a nurse or one of the patients who is capable and willing to take the lead, and though a delicate ear may now and then, perhaps often, have to wince at a discordant note, the singing under this arrangement has generally a heartiness often wanting where higher musical talent is engaged. How far a small harmonium might be introduced with advantage, is a question to be settled. There should be a hymn-book to every two or three of the congregation, and it is advisable to have the places found out and clearly marked before the Service begins; otherwise there is apt to be unseemly delay and some confusion when the singing commences, which, of course, it is desirable to avoid. It is a great assistance to those who cannot read, whether from blindness or otherwise, to have each verse read out before it is sung.

4. The selection of suitable Lessons and Psalms is sometimes a little difficult, as they should harmonise, as far as possible, with the other portions of the Service, both in length and sentiment. With the view of aiding the selection there is appended two Lists, one of short Lessons from the New Testament, and another from the Psalms of David, which appear peculiarly adapted for the purpose. To avoid confusion during the Service it is advisable, before commencing, to mark the places in the Bible and Prayer-books intended for the use of the patients.

* In order to carry out this view with regard to the appended Service, it has been struck off in a separate form, and is to be had in packets of one dozen for 1s. 6d.

5. In selecting a Sermon, two points should be attended to :— 1st, It should be short, not exceeding fifteen minutes at the outside ; and, 2ndly, It should be as plain as possible, so as to bring it to the comprehension of the poorest and most uneducated, who often form the bulk of hospital congregations. To such, a few earnest words in simple language are more likely to come home with force to the heart, than a long harangue delivered in the most florid style of oratory. Considering the mixed character of the congregation in matters of religious belief, it is advisable to avoid controversial points, and all attempts to proselytise. It should ever be borne in mind that, amongst a hospital congregation, there are some—many, perhaps,—who are ‘sick unto death ;’ hence it is advisable that the great life-giving truths of the Gospel should form constant and prominent topics of discourse ;—The writings of Bourdillon, Bishop Oxenden, and Bishop Walsham How, will supply ample material to commence with.

6. It is advisable to avoid too frequent changes of posture, as this is often painful to the sick, if not impracticable in many cases. It is, of course, desirable that the kneeling position, as being the most reverential, should be maintained during the periods of prayer ; but even here, when the necessary change of posture entails personal suffering, the individual should not only be allowed but directed to retain throughout the Service the sitting or other position which is most free from suffering ; thus giving the mind an increased chance of fixing its powers on spiritual things. It is the posture of the heart before God, not the position of the body which is of paramount importance. At the same time, those who can kneel should do so, were it even only for the sake of example.

7. In most hospitals there are wards containing one or more bed-ridden patients, and as it is desirable that they, in common with others, should enjoy the comfort and benefit of an occasional Service of the Church, it is advisable, when there is only one reader, to take the wards in rotation ; but when there is no special call in this way, the best plan is to select the most

central and convenient ward which the patients generally can reach with the least degree of exertion.

8. In the choice of the hour at which the Service is to be held, consideration should always be had to the wishes and views of the hospital authorities, whose good-will and sympathy it is most important to secure, even at the sacrifice of personal convenience. In a large hospital it is, of course, impossible to be secure from interruption by accidents, &c., being brought into the ward; but to avoid this as much as possible an hour should be selected after the doctors have paid their usual daily visits, the patients' wounds have been dressed, &c. Care should also be taken not to interfere with the regular meals of the patients.

9. In undertaking and conducting a Hospital Service, it is most important to secure the sanction and co-operation of the chaplain or authorised minister; this will give a degree of weight and authority to the work in the eyes of the patients, which it would otherwise lack.

With these few remarks on Hospital Services, I would, in conclusion, most earnestly commend the subject to the serious attention of every Christian who has at heart the promotion of the spiritual welfare of poor suffering humanity. It is one of those modes of 'doing good' on which we may confidently ask, with the full assurance of receiving, the blessing of the Almighty.

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PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

THE First Edition of this little work has long since been exhausted. Frequent applications, however, having been recently made to me for copies, and knowing of no other work of a similar character having appeared from the press, I have come to the conclusion to issue another Edition. In doing this I have availed myself of the opportunity of making certain small changes, which experience has taught me will make it better adapted to meet the wants of those for whom it is intended. .

Some of the prayers have been considerably abbreviated, and in other instances passages have been marked in brackets, which may be used or omitted, according to circumstances, without interfering with the sense of the whole.

The Public Service has also been abbreviated, whilst additional hymns have been introduced to render it more complete.

That this Edition may receive the same practical approval as its predecessor, and that it may be instrumental in promoting the spiritual welfare of the sick and suffering, and thus redound to the glory of God, is my heartfelt prayer.

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PART I.

HOSPITAL PRAYERS FOR DAILY USE.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

HOSPITAL PRAYERS.

*In the following Prayers, the passages in brackets
may be omitted when desirable.*

SUNDAY MORNING.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name! This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. O Thou Source of life and light, graciously assist us in these our prayers; pour upon us, we beseech Thee, the spirit of prayer and supplication, that we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Be with us, O Heavenly Father, throughout the day that is now before us, and although we may be prevented, by Thy wise and gracious providence, from joining the congregation of Thy people in the services of Thy house,

give us grace to keep our minds fixed on spiritual things. Grant, O Lord, that the great concerns of eternity may be continually before us, and that we, seriously examining ourselves and confessing our sins and iniquities, may obtain of Thee perfect pardon and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for grace, that by Thy Holy Spirit we may meditate with grateful hearts on the great love of our Lord and Saviour in dying for us, and thus opening for us the way of salvation; and do Thou assist us by Thy grace to follow henceforth more closely the great example which He has left us of meekness, holiness, purity, and resignation to Thy Divine Will in all things.

We would desire this morning especially, O God, to confess and bewail the gross neglect of Thy holy Sabbaths, of which we have been guilty in times past. [How often have we abused this sacred day, how often have we for-

saken the assembling ourselves together in Thy House, preferring to follow out our own sinful pleasures, or our worldly occupations, and even when we have entered Thy House, how cold and lifeless have been our prayers, how worldly and wandering our thoughts, how insensible our hearts to the great truths delivered to us!] Oh, forgive us, for Jesus Christ's sake, these as well as all our other sins of omission and commission, and should it please Thee of Thine infinite mercy to restore to us the blessings of health and strength, give us grace to redeem the time and to devote the lives which Thou sparest to Thy glory and service.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, on behalf of those for whom we are in duty bound to pray. Grant that Thy blessing may rest upon our Queen and all who are placed in authority under her; bless and defend Thy holy Church, and add to it daily such as shall be saved.

Give grace to all ministers of Thy Gospel, that they may gather many souls into the fold of Christ. Guide, direct, and bless with Thy choicest blessings all who are near and dear to us * * * *; may they all become near and dear to Thyself through the blood of Jesus. Have pity upon the poor, the sick and afflicted, on the fatherless and the widow, and on those who have none to help them; and send them that support and comfort from above which Thou alone canst bestow. We pray for our benefactors, and for all those whom Thou hast disposed to be kind to us in our distress; oh, may Thy blessing rest on them and theirs to the end of their days!

Grant that this may be a day of peace and harmony to all who are gathered together within these walls! May all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from us, with all malice,

and make us kind one to another, forbearing with one another, and forgiving one another, even as we trust that God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us.

Accept, O Heavenly Father, our imperfect petitions, and answer them not according to either what we desire or deserve, but according to the riches of Thy wisdom and mercy in Christ Jesus our Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SUNDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly thank Thee that, notwithstanding all the sinfulness of our hearts and lives, we have still a throne of grace to which we are not only per-

mitted, but invited to approach in the name of Jesus, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in every time of need. Grant that we may never neglect or undervalue this great privilege, nor ever draw near to Thee with our lips whilst our hearts are far from Thee.

Through Thy sparing mercy, O God, we are brought in safety to the close of another day, and before we lie down to rest, we would confess with truly humble and contrite hearts, all the sins whereby we have offended against Thy Divine Majesty, either this day or any other time before; our sinful and vain thoughts, our light, idle, and wicked words, our wrong tempers, our evil, selfish, and covetous desires, our impatience under Thy Fatherly correction, our ignorance, our blindness and hardness of heart. Oh, forgive these and all our iniquities, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour,

in whose gracious promises to every penitent sinner we would place all our hope, and trust, and confidence.

We lament, O God, that this Thy Holy Day has been spent in a manner so little worthy of Thee. We have allowed things of time and sense to occupy too much of our thoughts and attention, to the exclusion of the weighty matters of eternity: how much have we thought about our bodies, how little about our souls! how much about the afflictions and trials of this mortal life, how little about those joys which are at Thy right hand for evermore! Grant that any of the great truths of Thy Gospel which may this day have been called to our remembrance, may sink deeply into our hearts, and produce in us the fruits of a holy and godly life, to the glory of Thy great Name.

Heavenly Father, be Thou with us throughout this night. If it seemeth good unto Thee, grant unto us un-

broken and refreshing sleep, that we may arise in the morning with renewed health and strength the better to serve Thee; but should a sleepless night be appointed to us, enable us by Thy grace to meditate on Thee on our beds, and to think upon Thee when we are waking: fill our minds with all holy thoughts, and with feelings of cheerful resignation to Thy Holy Will. Take also under Thy Fatherly protection all our dear relations and friends * * * *, preserve them from all temporal and spiritual evil, grant unto them every needful blessing in this present life, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, in these our imperfect petitions, and vouchsafe Thy blessing on each of us for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, look down in mercy upon us, Thy poor suffering, sinful creatures, who desire on this the morning of a new day, to approach Thy throne of grace, thanking Thee for Thy preservation of us during the past night, imploring Thee to receive us into Thy favour, and to grant unto us Thy guidance, protection, and blessing, this day and for ever.

We confess before Thee, O God, all the sins of which we have been guilty in times past; we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our

misdoings. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy Name.

And whilst thus confessing our guilt and unworthiness, we desire to praise Thy holy Name for the gift of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, through whose death and merits the way of everlasting life has been opened to us, the guilty children of men. Praised be Thy holy Name for this the greatest of all Thy blessings! For His sake we beseech Thee leave us not, neither forsake us, O God of our salvation, and grant unto us that peace which the world can neither give nor take away. O Lord, increase our faith; increase our trust and confidence in Thee; enable us to commend ourselves and all our concerns into Thy hands, as

into the hands of a loving and gracious Father, and whatever it may seem good unto Thee to appoint, teach us therewith to be cheerfully content. Thou art all-wise as well as all-merciful; Thou knowest what is best for each of us; do what seemeth best in Thy sight. If it be according to Thy Divine Will, we beseech Thee to heal our diseases, and restore to us the blessing of health, and may we be enabled, by Thy grace assisting us, to devote the lives which Thou lengthenest to Thy service. Should a lengthened period of sickness and pain be allotted to us, may we have grace to bear it with patience, and may it be sanctified to the good of our immortal souls; but if it should be Thy good pleasure that our sickness should be unto death, prepare us, we beseech Thee, for the last great change; and this painful life ended, grant that we may dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through the

merits alone of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Look down with compassion upon all those who are afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; do Thou graciously comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ His sake.

[O Thou great Physician, without whom the best human skill is of no value, do Thou guide and direct those who have charge of us in the choice of those means most suitable to our several cases, and give Thy blessing and the desired success in the use of them, that in due time we may be restored to health, if such be Thy righteous will. At the same time, for any degree of relief from pain and suffering, for any improvement in our condition, and for the prospect of returning health which

has been vouchsafed to any of us, praised be Thy holy Name.]

Finally, we commend to Thy Fatherly care and protection all our dear friends and relations * * * *; bestow Thy blessing upon each of them; preserve them in body, soul, and spirit, and bring them finally to the land of everlasting rest and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



MONDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD, Who hast graciously invited the weary and heavy laden to come unto Thee, with the promise that Thou wilt give them rest, and hast further declared in Thy Word that they who come unto Thee Thou wilt in no wise cast out, we sinners, feeling the

burden of our necessities, and encouraged by Thy gracious promises, present ourselves before Thee this night, beseeching Thee mercifully to accept these our imperfect supplications which we present unto Thee in the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

[We desire, O God, to acknowledge Thy right over us, and our entire dependence upon Thee, for from Thee alone cometh grace to serve Thee. We come unto Thee for everything; *guilty*, we flee to Thee for pardon through the blood of Jesus; *sinful*, we come unto Thee for purity of heart and life; *ignorant*, we come unto Thee for wisdom, especially for a clearer knowledge of Thy truth as it is in Jesus; *blind*, we come unto Thee for grace to see the things which belong to our everlasting peace, before they are for ever hid from our eyes; *weak*, we come unto Thee for strength to resist the temptations of the world, the

flesh, and the devil; *troubled and distressed in mind*, we come unto Thee for that peace which the world can neither give nor take away; *afflicted with bodily disease*, we come unto Thee for relief and support, and at the same time for cheerful resignation to Thy Divine Will in all things.]

Oh, sanctify to the good of our souls our present trials and afflictions; grant that they may be the means of bringing us nearer to Thee, and into closer communion with Thee. Prepare us for whatever lies before us; prepare us for life, prepare us for death, prepare us for eternity; and grant that whether we live we may live unto the Lord, or whether we die we may die unto the Lord; so that whether we live or die we may be Thine for evermore.

Into Thy hands, O God, do we commend ourselves before we lie down to sleep; may we rest securely under Thy special care and protection; may

no evil approach our persons, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling; and after such sleep as may be allotted to us, may we arise in the morning with renewed vigour of mind and body, and with an increased desire to fulfil Thy Holy Will in all things.

Look down in tender compassion on our fellow-sufferers throughout the world, and grant unto them all the blessings which we have asked for ourselves. Extend Thy blessing, O Lord, to all our dear friends and relations * * * *; do Thou bestow upon them everything that will promote their present and eternal welfare; and this life ended, may we all be re-united in Thine eternal kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who has taught us when we pray to say,—

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, praised be Thy Holy Name for Thy protection of us during the past night, and for sparing us to see the light of another day. Continue, we beseech Thee, Thy Fatherly care of us throughout the day that is now before us; be Thou ever present with us, and cheer our hearts with the light of Thy countenance.

O Lord, our strength and our fortress, and our refuge in the day of affliction, send us support and comfort from Thy holy place. Amidst our several sorrows and trials, enable us to keep our eyes steadily fixed upon Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now set down at the right hand

of the throne of God, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us.

[Oh, impart unto us grace and strength to follow more closely the great example which He hath set before us. Oh, give us grace, like Him to submit ourselves with entire resignation to Thy holy will, and to bear with unrepining patience whatever trial may be assigned to us. In our afflictions, may we often call to mind how far greater were His afflictions, which He meekly endured for our sakes; in our sorrows, may we remember that He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; in our poverty, that He, the Lord of Glory, for our sakes became so poor that He had not where to lay His head; in our temptations, that He, when upon earth, was tempted in all points even as we are, yet without sin; and when we feel most lonely and forsaken, let us call to mind that in the hour of His greatest need, all His dis-

ciples forsook Him and fled.] Grant unto us grace to follow the example He has left us of meekness, patience, and complete submission to Thy Divine Will in all things, ever bearing in mind that if we suffer with Him we shall be glorified with Him, and that at last an entrance will be granted to us to His glorious presence, in that blessed land where sin and sorrow have no place, and where God shall wipe away tears from off all faces. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of the same blessed Jesus.

Fill our minds with all holy and devout thoughts; grant that we may meditate especially on the shortness and uncertainty of our lives, on the nearness and certainty of death and eternity; on that Judgment day when we must appear before Thee, to give an account of all things done in the body, and to receive from Thee our final doom. May we live in daily preparation for

eternity ; may we spend this day as if it were to be our last day ; and this life ended, may each of us hear those joyful words, ‘Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’

Accept, O Heavenly Father, our humble thanksgivings for any improvement which has taken place in any of our cases, and for any degree of relief from pain and suffering which any of us have of late experienced : if it seemeth good in Thy sight may these be followed by a speedy restoration to health ; but in this, as in all other things, not our will but Thine be done.

We pray for Thy blessing on all who are near and dear to us * * * * ; may it please Thee of Thine infinite mercy to visit them with Thy salvation, to guide them by Thy council, to overrule all life’s changes, and trials, for their well-being, and at last to bring them safe to Thy eternal kingdom,

through Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



TUESDAY EVENING.

HEAR our prayer, O Lord, and let our crying come unto Thee; hide not Thy face from us in our time of trouble; incline Thine ear unto us when we call; oh, hear us, and that right soon. Let our prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense, and the lifting up of our hands be an evening sacrifice. Oh, deliver us and be merciful unto us, for Thy Name's sake.

We know, O God, that Thou art about our path, and about our bed, and

spiest out all our ways; that there is not a word in our mouths, nor a thought in our hearts, but Thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether. Grant therefore that we may enter into Thy presence under a deep sense of our exceeding guilt and unworthiness, and of Thine unspeakable goodness in promising to listen to the prayers of us poor, miserable, guilty sinners, when presented unto Thee in the all-prevailing Name of Jesus. It is in His Name alone that we now approach Thee, beseeching Thee, for His sake, to grant unto us the pardon of all our sins. [Oh, blot them all out of the book of Thy remembrance, and remember them no more: and grant that they may never rise up to condemn us, either in this world or in the world to come.]

In the midst of the sorrows which we have in our hearts and amidst our bodily sufferings, may we often call to remembrance the innumerable mercies which in times past we have so thanklessly

enjoyed—life, health, strength, the use of our reason, our senses, and bodily limbs, home comforts, dear relatives, opportunities of religious instruction, and Church privileges. These, and a thousand other blessings, we have enjoyed year by year, with cold, ungrateful, insensible hearts, taking them all as a matter of course, never raising one grateful hymn of thanksgiving to Thee, the great Giver of them all. And now that it has seemed good unto Thee to withdraw some of these, Thy long-abused mercies, how apt are we to repine and murmur at Thy dispensations. Rather let us adore Thy loving-kindness and forbearance, that Thou hast not withdrawn Thy favours altogether, and cast us for ever from Thy presence. How many mercies are continued to us, the smallest of which we are undeserving of. We thank Thee for the roof which shelters us, for the food, and raiment, and other necessities of life provided

for us, for the kind hearts which sympathise with us in our distress, for Thy servants whom Thou hast sent to minister to us in spiritual things, as well as for those who make it the business of their lives to relieve our bodily sufferings and heal our diseases. We thank Thee, Heavenly Father, in so far as it has seemed good unto Thee to bless the means employed in the treatment of our several cases; may Thy blessing continue to rest upon them, so that they may issue in our complete restoration to health. If otherwise, may we have grace to submit with cheerful resignation to Thy Divine Will.

And whilst we thank Thee for these Thy temporal gifts, we pray Thee to give us a deeper sense of gratitude for Thy great spiritual blessings. We bless and praise Thy Holy Name for the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank Thee that a knowledge of this great salvation has

been extended to us; we thank Thee for this great Advocate, through whom we are invited to come boldly to the throne of grace; we thank Thee for the promised aid of Thy Holy Spirit; we thank Thee for all the means of grace, and for the glorious hope of everlasting life which is held out to every true believer in His Name. Oh, enable us to evidence our gratitude for these Thy blessings, not with our lips only but by our lives, and may we hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life to the honour and glory of Thy Name.

We pray for Thy blessing on all we love; and may we all meet finally before Thy throne of grace, through the merits of Him who died for us.

Take us, O Heavenly Father, under Thy care and protection this night, preserve us from all manner of evil, and bless and sanctify our sleep to us. May we lie down at peace with Thee and in perfect charity with all our fellow-crea-

tures, and at last may we fall asleep in Jesus, and awake to a joyful resurrection, through the merits of the same blessed Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O God the Father of heaven, O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people,

whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil, from Thy wrath and everlasting damnation, good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy, from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness, as well as from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy word and commandment, good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us.

[We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church universal in the right way. Keep and strengthen in the true wor-

shipping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, Victoria, our Queen, and all the Royal Family. Illuminate all orders of men in Thy Church with true knowledge and understanding of Thy word, that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly. Endue with wisdom and understanding all who are placed in authority over us, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth. Bless and keep all Thy people, and give unto all nations unity, peace, and concord.]

We beseech Thee, good Lord, to give us a heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments; give us grace to hear meekly Thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. Oh, bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived, strengthen those that stand, comfort and help the weak-hearted, raise up them

that fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet. Succour, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children, and show pity upon all prisoners and captives. Defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed. Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts. Have mercy upon all men, and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them.

We beseech Thee, good Lord, to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to Thy holy word.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities,

and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils which we most righteously have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honour and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake. Oh, deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities; graciously look upon our afflictions, and pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts. Favourably with mercy hear our prayers, and mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people. O Son of David, have mercy upon us, and now and ever vouchsafe to hear us. Graciously hear us, O Christ, graciously hear us, O Lord Christ, and let Thy mercy be showed upon us, as we do put our trust in Thee.

Almighty God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests, fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world, knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD, Who hast declared in Thy Word that Thou hast no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that he should turn from the evil of his

ways and live, have mercy upon us, miserable sinners, who now present ourselves before Thy throne of grace.

We desire, O God, to confess and bewail the sinfulness of our hearts and lives; we lament especially our coldness and indifference to the great and glorious truths of Thy Gospel, and our sinful anxiety about the things which pertain to this life. Pardon us, we beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, and for His sake we pray Thee to create in us a new, and clean, and contrite heart, and to renew a right spirit within us. Give us a deeper sense of spiritual things; make us more anxious about our souls, less anxious about our bodies, more desirous of pleasing Thee, more fearful of offending Thee; and as it is appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment, when they must give an account of all things done in the body, may we be living in daily preparation

for that great and solemn hour. Oh, grant us true repentance not to be repented of, and such a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, that when the hour of death arrives, our souls may be found prepared and ready; that finally we may attain to everlasting life, through the merits and righteousness of the same blessed Saviour.

Hear our intercessions also, O God, we beseech Thee, for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, and in Thine own good time, and in Thine own good way, send them deliverance. Take under Thy especial care all our beloved relations; may they dwell safely under Thy Fatherly protection, and become children of God, and heirs of everlasting life.

We pray for Thy blessing upon all those who are placed in authority in this hospital, especially upon those who

minister to us in spiritual things. O Thou without Whom all human aid is vain, do Thou direct and bless those who labour to relieve our pains and heal our diseases; bless and prosper them in their work and labour of love. Bless also the nurses and others whom Thou hast sent to assist us in our affliction; may Thy blessing rest on each and every one of them, and do Thou reward them abundantly for all their kindness to us and our fellow-sufferers. Bless, we pray Thee, all the means employed for restoring us to health, and may we use them in humble dependence upon Thee, knowing that all will be useless unless Thou vouchsafe to bless and prosper them.

And now, Lord, into Thy hands do we commend ourselves, beseeching Thee to take us under Thy loving care this night, and to preserve us in body, soul, and spirit from all manner of evil; if it seem good unto Thee, grant

us refreshing and undisturbed repose throughout the night; but in this, as in all things, Father, not our will, but Thine be done.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, in these our imperfect petitions, which we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



THURSDAY MORNING.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, Who art slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy to those who call upon Thee, look down with compassion upon us who are now assembled to worship Thee. Oh, let us hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is our trust; show us the way that we should walk

in, for unto Thee do we lift up our souls. Grant unto us the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, and fill us with joy and peace in believing, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank Thee for Thy merciful protection of us during the past night, and for having added another day to our lives; it is of Thy mercy alone that we have not, ere this, been called to sleep the sleep of death. Oh, may the lives which Thou lengthenest be more devoted to Thee; may we love Thee more, and serve Thee better, and may we evidence our gratitude to Thee, not with our lips only but by our lives.

To this end we pray for the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, to purify our hearts and affections, and to enlighten us with regard to spiritual things. Convince us of our guilt, give us clearer views of our lost and miserable condition before Thee, and of our utter inability to save ourselves; oh, grant that the burden of

our sins may press more heavily upon us, and we may thus be led to feel more deeply a sense of gratitude for Thine inestimable love in our redemption by Christ Jesus, and for the way of salvation opened to us by His great sacrifice on the cross.

O Heavenly Father, Who hast declared in Thy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, and that those whom Thou lovest Thou dost rebuke and chasten, give us grace to believe that all our present bodily afflictions are manifestations of Thy Fatherly love, and that they are all designed by Thee, in Thine infinite wisdom and mercy, to draw us nearer to Thyself, and to promote our growth in holiness. Give us grace, therefore, to receive our several trials and afflictions, not merely with resignation but with cheerfulness; and grant that, under Thy divine blessing, they all may be overruled by

Thee to our spiritual welfare and Thy glory.

Oh, impart the blessings which we have now asked to all our fellow-sufferers throughout the world; may they as well as ourselves be enabled to realise Thy voice saying to each of our hearts, 'Son, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee.'

Bring home to Thy flock all those who are wandering in the paths of sin and unrighteousness. Let Thine especial blessing rest on those who are near and dear to us; and may we all at length be brought into one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ the righteous, in Whose most holy words we conclude these our imperfect petitions.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[We acknowledge, O God, that our sins might most justly have excited Thy wrath and indignation against us ; but Thou art gracious, and merciful, full of compassion, and of great goodness. Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities ; otherwise Thou wouldest long since have called us hence, and consigned us to that doom

which we have so justly merited. Blessed be Thy Holy Name that Thou hast not only opened to us a way of escape from the wrath to come, through the great sacrifice of Christ upon the cross, but that Thou hast promised that all things shall work together for good to them that love Thee. Oh, grant that this gracious promise may be made good to each of us!]

O Thou Who art righteous in all Thy ways, and holy in all Thy works, enlighten us with regard to our spiritual state, and give us grace to consider in our hearts for what wise and gracious end our present afflictions are appointed to us. May we not despise Thy chastening, nor faint when we are rebuked of Thee, nor be weary of Thy Fatherly correction; but let us be still, and know that Thou art God. Grant that our tribulation may work in us patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and let not our hope make us

ashamed, but let Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Let our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. And whenever it shall please Thee to deliver us out of this sinful life, grant us, we pray Thee, an entrance into that blessed land where sin and sorrow have no place, and where there is fulness of joy for evermore.

Extend Thy blessing to all our fellow-sufferers, as well as to all our dear relatives and friends * * * *. Look upon them with mercy, give them comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend them from the danger of the enemy, and keep them in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Look down with especial favour upon all who are gathered together within these walls; may brotherly love

pervade all our intercourse with one another; may we live in unity, peace, and concord, bearing one another's burdens, helping each other's infirmities, and setting before those around us an example of meekness, contentment, and cheerful resignation to Thy Divine Will.

To Thy Fatherly care and protection do we now commend ourselves; defend us this night from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt our souls. Grant, O Lord, that our last thoughts may be of Thee, and that when we awake we may still be with Thee, so that, waking or sleeping, our hearts may be stayed on Thee, for Thou, and Thou alone, causest us to dwell in safety.

The Lord bless us and keep us, and make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us,

and give us peace, now and ever, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



FRIDAY MORNING.

O LORD GOD, Who art gracious and full of compassion, long-suffering, plentiful in mercy and truth, arise, and help us, and deliver us for Thy mercy's sake, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy hand to help and defend us, for Thy Name's sake.

We thank Thee, O Heavenly Father, for Thy protection during the past night: oh, be Thou with us in all that lies before us this day. Watch over us for good; Lord, we are unable to take care of ourselves, do Thou take care of us; if Thou uphold us not, we shall fall; if Thou guide us not, we

shall go astray. Oh, let Thy good Providence be our defence, and Thy Holy Spirit our guide and counsellor in all our ways; and grant that all our thoughts, words, and actions, may be rendered acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. [Preserve us from the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; preserve us from fulfilling any of the designs or desires of our hearts which are contrary to Thy holy commandments, or which might interfere with our progress heavenwards. Keep us from deceiving ourselves with false hopes, and from saying to ourselves, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace; and from trusting that we have an interest in Christ, when we have not repented of our sins, and have no true faith in His Name. Keep us, we beseech Thee, from walking in that way which, though it may seem right in our own eyes, the end thereof is destruction. Oh, guide us in

the right way, guide us in the path which leads to eternal life, through our blessed Saviour, and keep us steadfast in the same to our lives' end.]

Grant that all the trials and afflictions of this mortal life may work together for our good; and that they may be the means, in Thy hands, of humbling us, of softening our cold, hard hearts, of arousing our sleeping consciences, and of leading us to our Saviour. Oh, make them instrumental in taking us off from leading a sinful, worldly, careless, unprofitable life, and in bringing us into the happy life of children of God. Oh, grant that these blessed effects may be manifested in our hearts and lives, and then throughout eternity we shall have abundant cause to bless and magnify Thy Holy Name for those very afflictions which now seem so grievous to us. In the meanwhile, do Thou support and comfort us by Thy Holy Spirit; and in the hour of our deepest afflictions

enable us by Thy grace to realise Thy voice, saying to each of us, 'Be of good cheer; it is I, be not afraid.' Oh, may a portion of that peace which passeth man's understanding be granted unto us now; and, this life ended, may we obtain an entrance into that rest which remaineth for the people of God, through the merits and righteousness of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Grant, O God, that any serious thoughts or holy resolutions which we have formed during this our time of sickness and trial, may have an abiding place in our hearts, and influence all our future life and conduct; suffer not that, with returning health, if it should be Thy good pleasure to grant us a further measure of life, they should be forgotten or neglected. O Thou Who hast put these holy thoughts into our minds, give us grace to bring the same to good effect; keep us from ever returning to those bad and sinful habits,

which in times past have had the mastery over us ; and which, if returned to and persisted in, will prove our souls' eternal ruin.

Shed abroad Thy light and Thy truth into the hearts of those who know Thee not ; bring back into the fold of Christ all those who have erred and strayed from Thy flock ; support, comfort, and relieve all Thy suffering people, and sanctify their afflictions to them. May Thy good Providence watch over all our beloved relations ; do Thou preserve them in body, soul, and spirit, to their lives' end.

Hear us, O Heavenly Father, in these our most imperfect petitions, and vouchsafe Thy blessing on us and on all who are dear to us, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Redeemer. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, and by whose mercy we have been spared to the close of another day, extend Thy goodness to us Thy servants, who earnestly desire Thy Fatherly and watchful care over us. Oh, let our cry enter into Thy presence, for we flee unto Thee to help us. Speak comfort unto our souls, and in Thine own good time, and in Thine own good way, send us deliverance out of all our troubles; relieve our pains, heal our diseases, supply our manifold necessities, and bestow upon us that support and comfort which Thou alone canst bestow. At the same time grant unto us a spirit of complete resignation, and of never-failing confidence in Thy Fatherly love and wisdom. Keep us from repining or murmuring at any of Thy dispensations; and

enable us from our hearts to say, 'Father, not my will but Thine be done.' May we draw comfort from the blessed assurance that, 'Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and that He scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.' Even so, gracious Father, for so it seemeth good in Thy sight.

We acknowledge, O God, that we have deserved nothing but Thy wrath, for we have sinned against Thee in thought, word, and deed; we have left undone things which we ought to have done; we have done things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us; and hadst Thou visited us according to our sins, and rewarded us according to our iniquities, Thou mightest most justly have cut us off in the midst of our days, and for ever cast us out of Thy Presence. Thanks be to Thy Holy Name for Thy sparing mercy! Thanks be to Thee that the way of salvation, through

Jesus Christ, is still open to us, and that time is yet granted to us for repentance and amendment of life. Oh, give us grace to redeem the time remaining to us; to this end we pray Thee to grant unto us the indwelling of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may fully realise all our guilt; and feeling the full burden of our iniquities, may turn in true repentance to the Cross of Christ, there to find pardon for the past, guidance, support, and comfort for the present, and finally the salvation of our souls, through the merits of the same Blessed Saviour.

Hear our intercessions, we beseech Thee, on behalf of others also. Regard with Thine especial favour all our dear relatives and friends * * * *; be Thou their protector and guide, and lead them in the paths of righteousness, for Thy Name's sake. Pity the sorrows, and relieve the necessities of all our poor suffering fellow-creatures. We pray for Thy blessing upon all engaged

in the work and labour of love in this hospital; prosper Thou the work of their hands, oh, prosper Thou their handiwork; and may Thy grace attend them to their lives' end.

Be with us, O merciful Father, throughout this night; bless and sanctify our rest to us; sleeping or waking, living or dying, may we be safe under Thy care and protection, and do Thou preserve us in body, soul, and spirit, to our lives' end.

And now unto Him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory, with exceeding joy; to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory, and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

O God, Thou art our God, early will we seek Thee; let our prayers and praises enter into Thy presence; graciously incline Thine ears unto us, and grant that the same watchful Providence which has protected us throughout the past night, may preserve us this day from all manner of evil, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Lord, into Thy hands do we desire to commend ourselves, and all our concerns; undertake Thou for us and defend us from all the assaults of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Preserve us especially from those sins which do most easily beset us, or to which at the present time we are most exposed. Order our footsteps in Thy Word, that no wickedness may have dominion over us; turn away our eyes from beholding vanity; set a watch, O

Lord, before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips, and let not our hearts be inclined to any evil thing.

We pray Thee, O God, to bless and sanctify to the good of our souls, the bodily afflictions with which it has seemed good unto Thee to visit us. Now that we are for a time laid aside from the active duties of life, give us grace to employ our leisure hours in seriously meditating on the things which belong to our everlasting peace. Oh, may we not abuse nor neglect the opportunity now graciously afforded to us, so that it should rise up to condemn us at the last day.

We humbly and heartily thank Thee, Lord of heaven and earth, that amidst our bodily pains and afflictions, Thou hast preserved to us the use of our reason and understanding, and hast continued to us the power as well as the opportunity of turning to Thee. Our eyes have seen, O God, how that

some of our fellow-creatures have, in the midst of health and strength, been suddenly called to their last account, without a moment of time being granted for repentance and reflection; and how others have been deprived of their reason, and thus rendered incapable of turning to Thee at the last. Thanks be to Thy Holy Name that this lot has not befallen us, and that the powers of our minds have been preserved to us. Oh, grant us grace to employ these, Thy continued blessings, as Thou wouldst have us to do, in repenting of our sins, in turning with all our hearts to Jesus, as our only hope of salvation, and in glorifying Thy Holy Name.

We confess, O God, that through the bodily pain which we suffer, we are oftentimes unable to fix our thoughts on spiritual things as we desire to do. We allow our earthly cares to occupy too much of our

thoughts and attention, even when we approach Thee in prayer. Thou, and Thou alone, knowest how cold and insensible are our hearts, how lukewarm and distracted our prayers and praises, how faulty our repentance, how full of imperfection even our best services. O Lord, be merciful to us, and pardon us for Jesus Christ's sake, and enable us to serve Thee in a more acceptable manner for the future, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Into Thy hands do we commend all our relations, especially those who are dearest to us. Bless them, and make them blessings to all around them. We pray for Thy blessing also upon all in authority in this hospital; may they, in their several stations, be instruments in Thy hand of glorifying Thy Holy Name, and of promoting the spiritual and temporal good of those placed under their charge.

And now to God the Father, God

the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.



SATURDAY EVENING.

HEAVENLY and gracious Father, at the close of another week we present ourselves before Thy throne of grace, to render unto Thee our grateful thanks for Thy sparing mercy, and for the many bounties of Thy Providence, and to pray for Thy protection and blessing this night and for ever.

O Thou great disposer of all events, Lord over all Thy creatures, give us grace to feel that our present sicknesses are by Thy appointment, and that in

them Thou hast some good, and wise, and gracious design ; and realising this, may we bow with cheerful resignation to Thy Divine Will. May we see and adore Thy hand in Thy chastisements as well as in Thy mercies, and be enabled, Thy grace assisting us, ever to say, not with our lips only but with our hearts, 'It is the Lord, let Him do what seemeth good in His sight. Though He slay me, yet will I put my trust in Him.'

We pray Thee, O God, to bless and sanctify to the good of our souls, our present afflictions. Oh, grant that they may arouse our sleeping consciences, causing us to examine ourselves to know wherein we have offended against Thee, awakening us to a true sense of our guilty and lost condition, and leading us to the great Physician of souls, even to Jesus Christ the righteous, as our sole hope of salvation.

O God, in whom we live and move

and have our being, we know not if our present sickness shall be unto death: if such be Thy righteous will, prepare us we beseech Thee for the approaching change; give us grace to cling closer to Jesus, as our sole hope of salvation; and then, when called upon to pass through the valley of the shadow of death, we need fear no evil, for Thou wilt be with us, Thy rod and Thy staff they will comfort us: and, this life ended, may we obtain an entrance into one of the many mansions in our Heavenly Father's house, which Christ Himself has gone before to prepare for all who truly love and serve Him.

Extend Thy blessing to all Thy servants who are grieved with sickness, sanctify Thy Fatherly correction to them, that a sense of their weakness may add strength to their faith, and seriousness to their repentance; that if it should be Thy good pleasure

to restore them to their former health, they may lead the rest of their lives in Thy fear, and to Thy glory; or else, give them grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this life ended, they may dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray to Thee also on behalf of all who are near and dear to us * * * *; be Thou their protector and guide, and lead them in the path of righteousness, for Thy Name's sake. We pray also for Thy blessing on all whom Thou hast in Thine all-wise Providence brought together within these walls; may we all live together in unity, peace, and concord, bearing one another's burdens, thus fulfilling the law of Christ. May our last thoughts be of Thee, and when we awake may we still be with Thee, so that waking or sleeping, living or dying, we may be Thine for evermore. All that we ask for ourselves

and others, is in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

A PRAYER SUITABLE FOR ALL TIMES.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him : neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His laws which He set before us.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which

we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy Divine Majesty, provoking most justly Thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thy accustomed goodness to us Thy servants who are grieved with sickness. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to us, that the sense of our weakness may add strength to our faith, and seriousness to our re-

pentance. That if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore us to our former health, we may lead the remainder of our lives in Thy fear, and to Thy glory ; or else, give us grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, we may dwell with Thee in life everlasting ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Thee ; have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of

God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

A PRIVATE PRAYER ON RECOVERY FROM
ILLNESS.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thy infirmities; who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an eagle. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His Holy Name.

Heavenly and gracious Father, ac-

cept, I pray Thee, this my humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving for all Thy mercies vouchsafed unto me. I would now more especially thank Thee for my recovery from my late illness, and for the renewed feelings of health and strength which I am permitted to enjoy. I thank Thee for having spared my life, and for having granted me further time for repentance and amendment of life. Grant, O God, that the life thus mercifully prolonged may be devoted to Thee, and that it may be spent in a manner worthy of my great obligations to Thee, and in the diligent performance of all Thy commandments. Give me grace that I may ever be afraid and ashamed of offending One who has been so abundantly good to me; and assist me by Thy Holy Spirit to show forth my gratitude, not with my lips only, but by a holy and godly life.

Grant, I beseech Thee, O God, that

the afflictions with which Thou hast recently visited me, may be sanctified to the good of my immortal soul, and that they may be the means, in Thy hand, of arousing me to a sense of my true condition as a lost and guilty sinner in Thy sight; and, feeling my own utter helplessness, as well as my guilt and danger, may I be led to seek, with earnestness and anxiety, the salvation of my soul, placing all my hopes of acceptance on the merits and righteousness of Jesus Christ my blessed Lord and Saviour.

Hear my prayers, O Heavenly Father, on behalf of all those whom Thou hast disposed to be kind to me in my late sickness; for the ministers of Thy Word who have sought to promote my spiritual welfare; for the physicians, through whose skill and exertions I have been restored to health; for the nurses, and others, who have ministered to my necessities, and comforted me in

my affliction. May Thy best blessings, O God, rest on each and every one of them, and do for them exceeding abundantly above all I ask or think, for Jesus Christ's sake.

And now, O God, that I am about to return to the active duties of life, with all its temptations and trials, I pray Thee to go forth with me. Be Thou my protector and guide, and lead me in the paths of righteousness for Thy Name's sake. Preserve me in body, soul, and spirit to my life's end; and when it shall please Thee to call me hence, oh, receive me unto Thyself, and grant me an entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour, to Whom with Thee, O Heavenly Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be all glory, might, majesty, dominion, and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS.

A Prayer for a Sick Child.

O ALMIGHTY God, and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit him,* O Lord, with Thy salvation; deliver him in Thy good appointed time from his bodily pain, and save his soul for Thy mercies' sake: that, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, he may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation; or else receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord,

* Substitute *her* or *she* for *him* or *he* in the case of a female.

for 'Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for a Sick Person, when there appeareth small hope of recovery.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: we fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under Thy hand in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon him, O Lord; and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen him, we beseech Thee, so much the more continually with Thy grace and Holy Spirit in the inner man. Give him unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past, and steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus; that his sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and his pardon sealed in heaven, before he go hence, and be

no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible with Thee; and that, if Thou wilt, Thou canst even yet raise him up, and grant him a longer continuance amongst us: yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of his dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare him, we beseech thee, against the hour of death, that after his departure hence in peace, and in Thy favour, his soul may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

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PART II.

A SHORT FORM OF PUBLIC SERVICE

FOR

LAY READERS IN HOSPITALS.

A SHORT FORM OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

Commence with a Hymn.

LET US PRAY.

*A General Confession to be said by the whole Congregation
after the Minister or Reader, all kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess

their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: grant this, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass

against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Here follow in succession

ONE OR MORE OF THE PSALMS (*see Table at the end*);

A PORTION OF SACRED SCRIPTURE (*see Table of Lessons*);

A HYMN;

or, if preferred,

THE FOLLOWING CANTICLE.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

That Thy way may be known upon earth: Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God :
yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth
her increase : and God, even our own
God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the
ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the
Son, &c.

As it was in the beginning, is now,
&c.

LET US PRAY.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more ; open Thine eye of mercy upon us Thy servants, who most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness. Renew in us, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailness ;

preserve and continue us in the unity of the Church ; consider our contrition, accept our tears, assuage our pain, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for us. And forasmuch as we put our full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto us our former sins, but strengthen us with Thy blessed Spirit ; and when Thou art pleased to take us hence, take us unto Thy favour, through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve us Thy servants. Look upon us with the eyes of Thy mercy, give us comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend us from the danger of the enemy, and keep us in perpetual peace and safety ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty Lord, who art a most strong tower to all them that put their

trust in Thee, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence; and make us know and feel that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, we may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thy accustomed goodness to all Thy servants in this hospital, who are grieved with sickness [especially those for whom our prayers are desired*]. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, this Thy Fatherly correction to them; that the sense of their weakness may add strength to their faith, and seriousness to their repentance: that, if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore them to their former

* Here give the names of any who desire the prayers of the Church.

health, they may lead the residue of their lives in Thy fear, and to Thy glory: or else, give them grace so to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, they may dwell with Thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless our Sovereign Lady Queen Victoria, Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family. Endue them with Thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with Thy Heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.]

A General Thanksgiving to be repeated by the whole Congregation after the Minister or Reader.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kind-

ness to us, and to all men [particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for Thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them].* We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

* This to be said when any that have been prayed for desire to return thanks.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world, knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Here follow in succession

A HYMN.

THE SERMON.

A HYMN.

LET US PRAY.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have

heard this day with our outward ears, may through Thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of Thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

A SELECTION OF HYMNS

SUITABLE FOR

HOSPITAL USE.

1.

8.7.4.

- 1 **G**UIDE me, O Thou great Jehovah !
Pilgrim through this barren land ;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand ;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing streams do flow :
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through ;
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside :
Death of death, and hell's destruction !
Land me safe on Canaan's side ;
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

2.

C. M.

- 1 **A**LL hail the power of Jesus' name !
 Let angels prostrate fall ;
 Bring forth the royal diadem,
 And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
 Who from His altar call :
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
 And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribe,
 And crown Him Lord of all.
- 4 O that with yonder sacred throng
 We at His feet may fall,
 Join in the everlasting song,
 And crown Him Lord of all !

3.

C. M.

- 1 **H**OW sweet the name of Jesus sounds,
 In a believer's ear !
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
 And drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 And calms the troubled breast,
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul,
 And to the weary rest.
- 3 Dear Name ! the rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding-place ;
 My never-failing treasury, filled
 With boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus ! my Shepherd and my Friend,
 My Prophet, Priest, and King ;
 My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
 Accept the praise I bring.

- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
And cold my warmest thought ;
But, when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath ;
And may the music of Thy Name
Refresh my soul in death !

4.

L. M.

- 1 **F**ATHER of heaven ! whose love profound
A ransom for our souls has found ;
Before Thy throne we sinners bend :
To us Thy pardoning love extend.
- 2 Almighty Son ! Incarnate Word !
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord ;
Before Thy throne we sinners bend :
To us Thy saving grace extend.
- 3 Eternal Spirit ! by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death ;
Before Thy throne we sinners bend :
To us Thy quickening power extend.
- 4 Jehovah ! Father, Spirit, Son !
Mysterious Godhead ! Three in One !
Before Thy throne we sinners bend :
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

5.

8.7.4.

- 1 **C**OME, ye sinners, poor and wretched—
Come, 'tis mercy's welcome hour :
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity joined with power ;
He is able,
He is willing : doubt no more.

2 O ye needy, come and welcome,
 God's free bounty glorify :
 True belief, and true repentance,
 Every grace that brings us nigh—
 Without money,
 Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

3 Let not conscience make you linger ;
 Nor of fitness fondly dream ;
 All the fitness He requireth
 Is to feel your need of Him :
 This He gives you ;
 'Tis His Spirit's rising beam.

4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
 Bruised and mangled by the fall !
 If you tarry till you're better
 You will never come at all :
 Not the righteous—
 Sinners, Jesus came to call.

5 Saints and angels, joined in concert,
 Sing the praises of the Lamb ;
 While the blissful seats of heaven
 Sweetly echo with His Name :
 Hallelujah !
 Sinners here may sing the same.

6.

L. M.

1 **S**HOW pity, Lord ; O Lord, forgive ;
 Let a repenting rebel live :
 Are not Thy mercies large and free ?
 May not a sinner trust in Thee ?

2 Behold I fall before Thy face,
 My only refuge is Thy grace ;
 Great God ! Thy nature hath no bound ;
 So let Thy pardoning love be found.

- 3 O wash my soul from every sin,
And make my guilty conscience clean ;
Here on my heart the burden lies,
And past offences pain my eyes.
- 4 O save a trembling sinner, Lord,
Whose hope, still hovering round Thy word,
Would light on some sweet promise there,
Some sure support against despair.

7.

L.M.

- 1 GOD of my life, to Thee I call,
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall ;
When the great water-floods prevail,
Leave not my trembling heart to fail !
- 2 Friend of the friendless and the faint !
Where should I lodge my deep complaint ?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor ?
- 3 Did ever mourner plead with Thee,
And Thou refuse that mourner's plea ?
Does not Thy word still fixed remain,
That none shall seek Thy face in vain ?
- 4 Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not :
And he is safe, and must succeed,
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead.

8.

C.M.

- 1 O THOU from whom all goodness flows,
I lift my soul to Thee ;
In all my sorrows, conflicts, woes,
Dear Lord, remember me.
- 2 When on my aching, burdened heart,
My sins lie heavily,
My pardon speak, new peace impart :
In love remember me.

- 3 When trials sore obstruct my way,
And ills I cannot flee,
Lord, let my strength be as my day :
For good remember me.
- 4 When worn with pain, disease and grief,
This feeble body see ;
Grant patience, rest, and kind relief :
Hear and remember me.
- 5 When in the solemn hour of death,
I wait Thy just decree :
Saviour, with my last parting breath
I'll cry, Remember me.

9.

7s.

- 1 **R**OCK of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee !
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure ;
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.
- 2 Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy Cross I cling ;
Naked, come to Thee for dress,
Helpless, look to Thee for grace :
Vile, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die !
- 3 While I draw this fleeting breath,—
When my eyelids close in death,—
When I soar to worlds unknown,—
See Thee on Thy judgment-throne,—
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee !

10.

S.M.

- 1 **C**OMMIT thou all thy griefs
 And ways into His hands,
To His sure truth, and tender eare,
 Who earth and heaven commands ;
- 2 Who points the elouds their course,
 Whom winds and seas obey :
He shall direct thy wandering feet,
 He shall prepare thy way.
- 3 Put thou thy trust in God,
 In duty's path go on ;
Fix on His word thy steadfast eye,
 So shall thy work be done.
- 4 Through waves and clouds and storms,
 He gently clears the way :
Wait thou His time—thy darkest night
 Shall end in brightest day.

11.

8.7.

- 1 **L**EAD us, Heavenly Father, lead us
 O'er the world's tempestuous sea ;
Guide us, guard us, keep us, feed us,
 For we have no help but Thee ;
Yet possessing every blessing,
 If our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
 All our weakness Thou dost know ;
Thou didst tread the earth before us,
 Thou didst feel its keenest woe ;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
 Through the desert Thou didst go.

- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,
 Fill our hearts with heavenly joy ;
 Love with every feeling blending,
 Pleasures that can never cloy ;
 Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
 Nothing can our peace destroy.

12.

10th.

- 1 **A**BIDE with me ! fast falls the eventide ;
 The darkness deepens ; Lord, with me abide !
 When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
 Help of the helpless, O abide with me !
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day ;
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away ;
 Change and decay in all around I see ;
 O Thou who changest not, abide with me !
- 3 I need Thy presence every passing hour,—
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power ?
 Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be ?
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me !
- 4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless :
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
 Where is death's sting ? where, grave, thy victory ?
 I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
- 5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee ;
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me !

13.

7s.

- 1 **C**HRIST, whose glory fills the skies,
 Christ, the true, the only Light ;
 Sun of Righteousness, arise,
 Triumph o'er the shades of night :
 Dayspring from on high, be near ;
 Daystar, in our hearts appear !

- 2 Visit every soul of Thine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy Divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

14. S.S.S.4. or L.M.

- 1 **M**Y God, my Father, while I stray
Far from my home on life's rough way,
O teach me from my heart to say,
Thy will be done!

- 2 Though dark my path, and sad my lot,
Let me be still and murmur not,
Or breathe the prayer divinely taught,
Thy will be done!

- 3 If Thou shouldst call me to resign
What most I prize,—it ne'er was mine:
I only yield Thee what was Thine;—
Thy will be done!

- 4 Should pining sickness waste away
My life, in premature decay;
My Father, still I strive to say,
Thy will be done!

- 5 If but my fainting heart be blest
With Thy sweet Spirit for its guest,
My God, to Thee I leave the rest;—
Thy will be done!

- 6 Renew my will from day to day,—
Blend it with Thine, and take away
All that now makes it hard to say,
Thy will be done!

- 7 Then, when on earth I breathe no more,
 The prayer, oft mixed with tears before,
 I'll sing upon a happier shore
 Thy will be done !

15.

12th or 6 of 8.

- 1 **W**HEN gathering clouds around I view,
 And days are dark, and friends are few,
 On Him I lean, who not in vain
 Experienced every human pain :
 He sees my wants, allays my fears,
 And counts and treasures up my tears.

- 2 If aught should tempt my soul to stray
 From heavenly wisdom's narrow way ;
 To fly the good I would pursue,
 Or do the thing I would not do ;
 Still He who felt temptation's power,
 Shall guard me in that dangerous hour.

- 3 And oh, when I have safely passed
 Through every conflict but the last,
 Still, still unchanging, watch beside
 My dying bed—for Thou hast died ;
 Then point to realms of cloudless day,
 And wipe the latest tear away !

16.

8.7.4.

- 1 **L**O ! He comes, with clouds descending,
 Once for favoured sinners slain !
 Thousand thousand saints attending,
 Swell the triumph of His train :
 Hallelujah !
 Christ appears on earth again.

- 2 Every eye shall now behold Him
 Robed in dreadful majesty ;
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 Deeply wailing,
 Shall the great Messiah see.
- 3 Now redemption, long expected,
 See in solemn pomp appear !
 All His saints, by man rejected,
 Now shall meet Him in the air :
 Hallelujah !
 See the day of God appear !
- 4 Yea, Amen ! let all adore Thee,
 High on Thine exalted throne ;
 Saviour, take the power and glory ;
 Claim the kingdom for Thine own ;
 O come quickly,
 Hallelujah ! come, Lord, come !

17.

C.M.

- 1 **H**ARK, the glad sound ! the Saviour comes,
 The Saviour promised long :
 Let every heart prepare a throne,
 And every voice a song.
- 2 He comes, the prisoners to release,
 In Satan's bondage held :
 The gates of brass before Him burst,
 The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes, from thickest films of vice
 To clear the mental ray,
 And on the eyeballs of the blind
 To pour celestial day.

4 He comes, the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

5 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace !
Thy welcome shall proclaim ;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved Name.

18.

7s.

1 **H**ARK ! the herald-angels sing,
'Glory to the new-born King :
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.'

2 Joyful, all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem !

3 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity !
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

4 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace !
Hail, the Sun of righteousness !
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.

5 Mild, He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die ;
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

19.

- 1 **J**ESUS CHRIST is risen to-day, Hallelujah !
 Our triumphant holy day ; Hallelujah !
 Who did once upon the cross Hallelujah !
 Suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah !
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Hallelujah !
 Unto Christ our heavenly King ; Hallelujah !
 Who endured the cross and grave, Hallelujah !
 Sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah !
- 3 But the pains which He endured Hallelujah !
 Our salvation hath procured ; Hallelujah !
 Now above the sky He's King, Hallelujah !
 Where the angels ever sing Hallelujah !

20.

- 1 **W**HEN I survey the wondrous cross L. M.
 On which the Prince of glory died,
 My richest gain I count but loss,
 And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
 Save in the death of Christ my God !
 All the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See from His head, His hands, His feet,
 Sorrow and love flow mingling down !
 Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 Or thorns compose so rich a crown ?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
 That were an offering far too small ;
 Love so amazing, so divine,
 Demands my soul, my life, my all.

21.

C.M.

1 O-HELP us, Lord, each hour of need
Thy heavenly succour give :
Help us in thought, and word, and deed,
Each hour on earth we live.

2 O help us, when our spirits bleed
With contrite anguish sore ;
And when our hearts are cold and dead,
O help us, Lord, the more.

3 O help us, through the prayer of faith
More firmly to believe ;
For still the more Thy servant hath,
The more shall he receive.

4 O help us, Father, from on high,
We know no help but Thee ;
O help us, so to live and die,
As Thine in heaven to be.

22.

L.M.

1 A WAKE, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run ;
Shake off dull sloth, and early rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,
And with the angels bear thy part,
Who, all night long, unwearied sing
High praises to the Eternal King.

3 Direct, control, suggest this day,
All I design, or do, or say ;
That all my powers, with all their might,
In Thy sole glory may unite.

- 4 Glory to Thee, who safe hast kept,
And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless life partake.

23.

L.M.

- 1 **G**LORY to Thee, my God, this night,
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath Thine own Almighty wings!
- 2 Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,
The ills that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and Thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
- 3 Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the judgment day.
- 4 O let my soul on Thee repose,
And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close;
Sleep, that shall me more vigorous make
To serve my God when I awake.
- 5 If in the night I sleepless lie,
My soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
No powers of darkness me molest.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

24.

L.M.

- 1 **S**UN of my soul, Thou Saviour dear,
It is not night if Thou be near:
O may no earth-born cloud arise,
To hide Thee from Thy servant's eyes.

- 2 When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
For ever on my Saviour's breast !
- 3 Abide with me from morn till eve,
For without Thee I cannot live ;
Abide with me when night is nigh,
For without Thee I dare not die.
- 4 If some poor wandering child of Thine
Have spurned to-day the voice divine,
Now, Lord, the gracious work begin ;
Let him no more lie down in sin.
- 5 Watch by the sick ; enrich the poor
With blessings from Thy boundless store ;
Be every mourner's sleep to-night,
Like infant's slumbers, pure and light.
- 6 Come near and bless us when we wake,
Ere through the world our way we take ;
Till in the ocean of Thy love
We lose ourselves in heaven above.

25.

- 1 **G**OD loved the world of sinners lost
And ruined by the fall,
Salvation full at highest cost
He offers free to all.

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love, the love of God to me,
It brought my Saviour from above, to die on Calvary !

- 2 E'en now by faith I claim Him mine,
The risen Son of God ;
Redemption by His death I find,
And cleansing through the blood.

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love, the love of God to me,
It brought my Saviour from above, to die on Calvary !

- 3 Love brings the glorious fulness in,
 And to His saints makes known
 The blessed rest from inbred sin
 Through faith in Christ alone.

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love, the love of God to me,
 It brought my Saviour from above, to die on Calvary !

- 4 Believing souls, rejoicing go,
 There shall to you be given
 A glorious foretaste here below
 Of endless life in heaven.

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love, the love of God to me,
 It brought my Saviour from above, to die on Calvary !

- 5 Of victory now o'er Satan's power
 Let all the ransomed sing,
 And triumph in the dying hour,
 Through Christ the Lord our King.

Oh, 'twas love, 'twas wondrous love, the love of God to me,
 It brought my Saviour from above, to die on Calvary !

26.

- 1 COME, every soul by sin oppressed,
 There's mercy with the Lord,
 And He will surely give you rest
 By trusting in His Word.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now,
 He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now !

- 2 For Jesus shed His precious blood
 Rich blessings to bestow ;
 Plunge now into the crimson flood
 That washes white as snow.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now,
 He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now !

- 3 Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way
That leads you into rest ;
Believe in Him without delay,
And you are fully blest.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now,
He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now !

- 4 Come then and join this happy band,
And on to glory go,
To dwell in that celestial land
Where joys immortal flow.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now,
He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now !

27.

- 1 OH, think of the home over there,
By the side of the river of light,
Where the saints, all immortal and fair,
Are robed in their garments of white !

Over there, over there, oh, think of the home over there !

- 2 Oh, think of the friends over there,
Who before us the journey have trod,
Of the songs that they breathe on the air
In their home in the palace of God !

Over there, over there, oh, think of the friends over there !

- 3 My Saviour is now over there,
There my kindred and friends are at rest ;
Then away from my sorrow and care
Let me fly to the land of the blest.

Over there, over there, my Saviour is now over there !

4 I'll soon be at home over there,
 For the end of my journey I see,
 Many dear to my heart over there
 Are watching and waiting for me.
 Over there, over there, I'll soon be at home over there !

28.

1 **T**ELL me the Old, Old Story
 Of unseen things above,
 Of Jesus and His glory,
 Of Jesus and His love ;
 Tell me the Story simply
 As to a little child,
 For I am weak and weary,
 And helpless and defiled.
 Tell me the Old, Old Story
 Of Jesus and His love.

2 Tell me the Story slowly,
 That I may take it in,
 That wonderful redemption—
 God's remedy for sin ;
 Tell me the Story often,
 For I forget so soon,
 The 'early dew' of morning
 Has passed away at noon.
 Tell me the Old, Old Story
 Of Jesus and His love.

3 Tell me the Story softly,
 With earnest tones, and grave ;
 Remember I'm the sinner
 Whom Jesus came to save ;
 Tell me that Story always
 If you would really be
 In any time of trouble
 A comforter to me.
 Tell me the Old, Old Story
 Of Jesus and His love.

- 4 Tell me the same old Story
 When you have cause to fear
 That this world's empty glory
 Is costing me too dear;
 Yes, and when *that* world's glory
 Is dawning on my soul
 Tell me the Old, Old Story,
 'Christ Jesus makes thee whole.'
 Tell me the Old, Old Story
 Of Jesus and His love.

29.

- 1 **S**AFE in the arms of Jesus,
 Safe on His gentle breast,
 There by His love o'ershaded
 Sweetly my soul shall rest.
 Hark! 'tis the voice of angels
 Borne in a song to me
 Over the fields of glory,
 Over the crystal sea.
 Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle
 breast,
 There by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my soul
 shall rest.
- 2 Safe in the arms of Jesus,
 Safe from corroding care,
 Safe from the world's temptations,
 Sin cannot harm me there;
 Free from the blight of sorrow,
 Free from my doubts and fears,
 Only a few more trials,
 Only a few more tears.
 Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle
 breast,
 There by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my soul
 shall rest.

- 3 Jesus, my heart's dear refuge,
 Jesus has died for me,
 Firm on the Rock of Ages
 Ever my trust shall be.
 Here let me wait with patience,
 Wait till the night is o'er,
 Wait till I see the morning
 Break on the golden shore.

Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast,
 There by His love o'ershaded, sweetly my soul shall
 rest.

30.

- 1 **J**ESU, Lover of my soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,
 While the gathering waters roll,
 While the tempest still is high ;
 Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
 Till the storm of life be past ;
 Safe into the haven guide,
 O receive my soul at last.
- 2 Other refuge have I none ;
 Hangs my helpless soul on Thee ;
 Leave, ah ! leave me not alone,
 Still support and comfort me.
 All my trust on Thee is stayed,
 All my help from Thee I bring ;
 Cover my defenceless head
 With the shadow of Thy wing.
- 3 Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
 Grace to cleanse from every sin ;
 Let the healing streams abound ;
 Make and keep me pure within ;
 Thou of Life the Fountain art ;
 Freely let me take of Thee ;
 Spring Thou up within my heart,
 Rise to all eternity.

31.

- 1 **O** GOD, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home,
- 2 Beneath the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure ;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away ;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

32.

- 1 **J**UST as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind ;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve :
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 5 Just as I am (Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down),
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
- 6 Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

33.

L.M.

- 1 COME, Christian brethren, ere we part,
Join every voice and every heart ;
One solemn hymn to God we raise,
One final song of grateful praise.
- 2 Christians, we here may meet no more,
But there is yet a happier shore ;
And there, released from toil and pain,
Brethren, we all shall meet again.
- 3 Now to our God, the Three in One,
Be everlasting glory done ;
Rehearse, ye saints, the sound again—
Let every voice repeat Amen !

SELECTION OF SHORT LESSONS

FROM THE

NEW TESTAMENT.

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Isaiah ix. ver. 1—7.

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St. Matt. xxvii. ver. 11—54.

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St. Mark xvi.

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St. Matthew iv. ver. 1—11.

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St. Luke xxiv. ver. 1—12.

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From which a selection (one or more) can be made.

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iv.	xli.	xciv.
v.	xlii.	c. (S)
vi. (S)	xlili. (S)	cii.
ix.	li.	ciii.
xiii. (S)	lvii.	cvi. (L)
xix.	lxii.	cxvi.
xxiii. (S)	lxvii. (S)	cxviii.
xxv.	lxix. (ver. 1—19)	cxix. (ver. 25—48)
xxvii.	lxx. (S)	cxix. (ver. 49—72)
xxviii.	lxxi. (L)	cxix. (ver. 73—88)
xxx.	lxxiii.	cxix. (v. 129—144)
xxxi. (L)	lxxvii.	cxxxviii.
xxxii.	lxxxiv.	cxxxix.
xxxiv.	lxxxv.	cxlii. (S)
xxxvii. (L)	lxxxvi.	cxliii.
xxxviii.	lxxxviii.	cxlv.
xxxix.	xc.	cxlvi.

(S) short; (L) long.

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